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PROJECT FOR IMPROVED SEEDS BY I.C.A.R.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) has decided to launch a project to provide improved seeds to the farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the outline of the said project and the total amount proposed to be spend on construction of first phase of the said project;

(c) the target of total annual average seed production under the said project; and

(d) the time by which seed production under the said project is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has formulated a project to supplement the availability of quality seed, including fish seed and planting material, in the country.

(b) The project will supplement the production of breeder seed, foundation seed and truthfully levelled seed of different field crops and planting material of horticultural crops along with fisheries seed. Total fund proposed under the project is Rs.199.899 crores for the remaining two years (2005-06 to 2006-07) of X Plan period. The fund will be provided to different centres of ICAR Institutes, State Agricultural Universities and Central Agricultural University and others.

(c) A target of approximately 7.66 lakh quintal of quality seed, 795 lakh planting material and 472 million fisheries seed has been proposed to achieve.

(d) Subject to final approval, the project shall start in the current financial year.